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of the States, and finally the forms and rules in bankruptcy adopted by the Supreme Court. It is difficult to see what could be done at this time to make the book a more complete manual of the subject.

*The Law of Debtor and Creditor Relative to the Situs of Debt.* By Rufus Waples. Ann Arbor, Mich. Law Sheep, pp. XXXIX, 326. T. H. Flood & Co. Chicago, 1898.

This little book is an excellent and scientific contribution on the vexed question of the situs of debt. Such practical topics as the collection of debts, statutory remedies, such as foreign attachment, etc., assignment of debt, and administration of debts, are tersely but adequately treated under sub-headings, and the cases therein criticised and distinguished. At the close of the volume several chapters are devoted to a few of the leading cases on those various topics, each case being reviewed separately and at length, and the differences harmonized as much as possible, by pointing out the distinction, so often lost sight of, between the debt property and the right thereto, to both of which conceptions the one word "debt" is indiscriminately applied. A valuable list of citations accompanies the work.

*Contracts of Pledge.* By Henry Denis, of the New Orleans Bar. F. F. Hansell & Bro. New Orleans, 1899. Sheep, pp. 619.

Both Mr. Shouler and Judge Story recognized the assistance that would be derived for the study of the common law on pledge from its comparison with the civil law. The author has made this comparative study. The method so common in the sciences has been utilized for this study of the law. At every point of the work the civil and common law are brought together, and their origin, relation and process of development shown. The book is more than a historical study. It is of very marked practical importance. By indicating the sources of common law pledge, and by tracing its descent, it leads to a better understanding of that important subject. It fills a field that before was only sparingly covered and deserves a high place as a complement to what has been written already on the law of pledge.

*A Manual of Commercial Law.* By Edward W. Spencer, of the Milwaukee Bar. The Bowen-Merrill Company. Indianapolis, 1898. Cloth, pp. 639.

As a manual for general readers and men of affairs, the author of this volume has presented a most valuable work. He gives in a concise and rather popular form, such principles of the law and elementary rules with which the average business man should be familiar. To carry out this idea he has devoted the larger part of the work to contracts, sales, agency, negotiable instruments, etc. The book is too general and elementary to be of practical usefulness to either the lawyer or law student. To the business man, and more especially the younger ones, who have had neither experience nor legal training, this little work will be invaluable. To meet the needs of such readers the author has wisely cited and given references to text-books rather than cases. The complete index and black letter text adds to the utility of the book on the desk of the business man.